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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We chose Sonic because their competitive offerings were far superior to anything else available to us, and markedly better than the "big corporation" options that were FAR more expensive for drastically reduced service. Broadband access is critical to my work, my family's work, our access to information and news about the world, to the process and conduct of our government, and to most if not all of our entertainment options. Artificial predatory price hikes that fatten entities like Verizon and Comcast/Xfinity at the literal expense of consumers are inherently bad, inherently destructive, and should not be allowed.

With all respect, as citizens and consumers we ask that you act to keep the maximal amount of competition in the broadband and internet access marketplace, keep the consumer in the forefront of your attention for protection and care, and not fall prey to the financial or lobbying pressure of giant telecoms acting solely on their own behalf.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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